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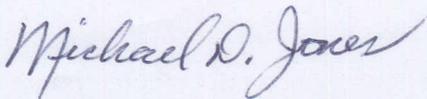
Dear Mr. Shepard

I have been in the forest products industry since 1971. I have seen the hay day of our industry and have been fortunate enough to see stands of timber harvested in the early 1970's that were replanted are now being thinned on BLM lands. Our Federal managed timberlands in Oregon can grow an abundance of timber. The BLM estimates that these lands are capable of growing 1.2 billion board feet per year, and there is currently 73.3 billion board feet of standing timber volume.

The vitality of Oregon's rural communities and forest sector infrastructure has suffered from declining federal forest management and timber supply over the past 17 years. The BLM draft Western OR Plan Revision (WOPR) Preferred Alternative 2 is important progress to improve rural economies, timber infrastructure and forest health. Of the alternatives being considered by the BLM, I urge you to adopt Alternative 2 as the final BLM plan.

Thank you for understanding the importance of economic vitality in Oregon's forest sector, and its vital contributions toward rural communities, Oregon's economy, and health of BLM forestlands.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Jones